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## NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN

The Company - I.B.E.W. working agreement will expire on April 30 and both parties have agreed to begin negotiations on March 9 for a new contract.

President of Local 2043, Johnny Jones, has announced that International Representative Tony Buccella will be the spokesman for the Union. Assisting Mr. Buccella on the Negotiating Committee will be Johnny Jones, Bobby Hubble, William Smith, J. R. Whitehead and James Jewett.

Industrial Relations Manager Jim Mathewson will represent the Company and will be assisted by Del Burnett and Ed Abrams.

Negotiating sessions will be held at the Leland Motor Hotel. Following the initial meeting on March 9, the next scheduled meeting will be held on March 23.



## Mercury's David Bowie Named "Brightest Hope" in Valentine's Day Poll

David Bowie, author and performer of "Space Oddity" and recently-released LP "David Bowie", has been named most promising star by England's pop paper, Disc and Music Echo. He beat out such acts as King Gremison, the Plastic Ono Band, Jethro Tull, and Creedence.

Bowie's recording of "Space Oddity" reached the Top 5 in England and his first LP on the Mercury label is going very well. David Bowie --- a Londerner with light brown hair, blue eyes, pale complexion --- is making the full weight of his 140 pounds felt on the culture of the 60's and 70's. He will not go unnoticed.

## JOE RUDA JOINS MERCURY



Joseph Ruda

An important addition was made to local plant management when Joe Ruda joined the Mercury Staff as Engineering Manager on February 23.

Mr. Ruda had been affiliated with Capitol Records in Scranton, Pa., for 11 years prior to coming to Mercury. Starting as Manufacturing Engineer, he was promoted to Director of Plant Engineering in 1964. Last year he was assigned to the design, layout and construction of a new record plant at Winchester, Va., and has continued as Director of Plant Engineering during its initial operating period.

Receiving a B.S. degree in Physics from the University of Scranton in 1957, Mr. Ruda also attended the Newark College of Engineering. In his new position with Mercury, he will report to Lloyd Shaw and be responsible for all engineering functions at the local plant.

Mrs. Ruda and five children are currently residing in Winchester, Va., until housing is obtained in the Richmond area.

## NEW PRODUCTION AND QUALITY CONTROL MANAGERS NAMED



Paul Mifsud, left, and Keith Gabbard, right, congratulate each other on their recent promotions.

It was announced late last month that Keith Gabbard has been promoted to Production Control Manager. Keith assumed his new duties on February 23 replacing Bob Thomas who recently resigned. Keith came to Mercury September 9, 1968, as Lead Foreman in Albums and more recently has been working in Custom Sales in addition to his new assignment.

Paul Mifsud, formerly Asst. Quality Control Manager, also received a promotion. Paul took over as Quality Control Manager on January 19 succeeding George Roebach who resigned to accept a position with Fibreform Corp, in Colombia City, Ind.